

rules to have a preseason game like the Kickoff Classic because it will guarantee Nebraska \$500,000. It will put some money into the Coaches Association, into the Athletic Directors Association, but even though it is outside the season, can the football players receive anything? Certainly not. The Big Eight will receive something from the games that are played in Bowls. The lucrative television and other broadcast contracts will bring money to everybody except the players who put forth the effort, who generate millions of dollars of income for the University, who enhance the University's image and give it a notoriety which it might not otherwise have. Everybody gains except these players. Who would dream of asking Tom Osborne to give up his salary in the interest and spirit of amateurism and be a coach just for the opportunity to work with these boys, to try to show them Christian principles, to establish that sportsmanship and character that football is supposed to be about when they are trying to show why the players should get nothing. Who would tell Bob Devaney to forego insurance or house payments or an automobile or any of the other things that an athletic director or a coach may be given. Who would tell Tom and Bob that they ought not come to the Board of Regents and seek a yearly increase in salary? Nobody. Not even me. But what I am saying is that these workers, the only class of unpaid workers in the state, who generate all of the money and without whom the program could not even exist ought to be given something, too. Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have?

PRESIDENT: A minute and a half.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am afraid I may not have time under the rules to present all of my arguments but I will try.

PRESIDENT: Two minutes, excuse me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Now when we talk about these rules that relate to the eligibility of players, the NFL is a coconspirator with the NCAA, the Big Eight Conference, and the Universities. They provide with football a farm system for the National Football League. By saying that a player cannot be drafted into professional football until his class graduates, they ensure that the NFL does not have to subsidize a farm system in the same way that baseball must do. But here is something else it does. It makes the student stay at the University and give them the four or five years as is the case with Nebraska. But they are preventing an athlete from making his or her living in the way that they should be able to do. I think all of these things when taken into consideration will underline the propriety of